Protection of Charminar

137. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the neglect of ASI the appliquee designs in stucco work of Charminar in Hyderabad are losing their adhesive strength due to constant vibrations and pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective measures Government have taken in this regard to protect Charminar?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Loss of adhesive strength in the stucco plaster is a natural phenomena due to ageing and vibrations induced by vehicular traffic.

(c) The affected portion, of the applique stucco plaster has been restored.

In addition a strip of land around Charminar has been taken over by the Archaeological Survey of India as a buffer to reduce the impact of vibrations from heavy vehicular traffic.

Safety of monuments in Andhra Pradesh

138. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred on the safety of Archaeological Survey of India monuments in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise, till date;

(b) the details of the monuments in the State that have been provided safety till date; and

(c) the number of monuments expected to be provided safety during the next year *i.e.* 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India has

136 centrally protected monuments in Andhra Pradesh. The expenditure incurred on providing watch and ward personnel on these monuments during the last three years are:—

1999-2000	Rs. 1,83,21,549/-
2000-2001	Rs. 2,31,84,959/-
2001-2002	Rs. 2,06,30,502/-

(Upto January 2002)

(c) No changes are contemplated in 2002-2003.

Master Plan for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Vizag and Nagarjuna

139. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received to share the cost of preparation of master plan for Hyderabad, Tirupati, Vizag and Nagarjuna Sagar and release 50 per cent cost of the consultancy amount;

(b) if so, when such request was received by Government; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to release the amount?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Chief Minister, Andhra Pradesh *vide* his letter dated 17.11.1998 had requested the Ministry of Tourism to release 50 per cent of the consultancy expenses incurred by the State Government for preparing macro and micro plans of Tirupati and Hyderabad, project report on micro plans on coastal tourism and perspective tourism plan for Andhra Pradesh.

(c) In view of the limitation of funds at the disposal of the Department of Tourism, the Planning Commission had been requested for special consideration to release additional funds to meet the requirement of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. However, the Planning Commission declined to allocate any additional fund for